Not So Bad

We look toward the other side,
believing the sky is clearer there.
Every life seems lighter
when we're not the ones who carry it.

We notice the shine, not the strain.
We count what we lack,
forget what we've kept.
Envy is a quiet storyteller.

Two men. Two burdens.
Each hidden from the other's view.
And when truth finally rises,
the lesson stands before us:

No life is simple.
No path is free.
And the life we envy
holds its own unseen ache.

So breathe into your own story.
There is strength in your steps.
There is grace in your days.
Maybe it isn't so bad
to wake up as you.

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It Isn't Easy [Song 4:30]

[Verse 1]
I got a porch and a front door key
A table set for family
I have a home and all I desire
Except the freedom from prying eyes

[Verse 2]
I work hard, day and night
Yet it feels like an endless fight
Paying my rent, electric and food too
What does a man have to do?

[Pre-Chorus]
It isn't easy being me
It isn't easy being me
If I got to choose, if only for a while
I would trade with you

[Chorus]
Trade with you, trade with you
For one small breath and one clear view
Trade with you, trade with you
Both our hands out, both of us blue
It isn't easy being me
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[Verse 3]
You see my suit, you see my grin
You don't see the room I'm caged in
You see my brake lights, late to the line
You don't see the bills I sign

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[Bridge]
Maybe the fence looks good from far
Till you're the one inside the yard
Maybe the load looks light in hand
Till you try to stand where another man stands

[Final Chorus]
Trade with you, trade with you
For one small breath and one clear view
Trade with you, trade with you
Both our hands out, both of us blue
In the end, no life is perfect
Let me be content with who I am